

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Telephone Interview 3/15/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 13,15,19,23 and 24.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 15 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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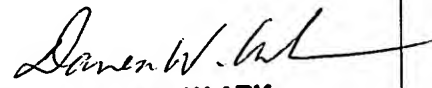
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


DARREN W. ARK
PRIMARY EXAMINER

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Edward M. Livingston on Tuesday, March 15, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Specification:

Page 7, line 13, inserted -- The slots **4** have a first open end and are rectangular shaped, the windows **5** are trapezoid-shaped, the holes **6** are round, and their respective pluralities are all formed on the circumference of the holder. The windows **5** located below the holes are aligned with each other within a common horizontal plane and the windows **5** located near the corked end **3** are aligned with each other within a different common horizontal plane. The holes **6** are aligned with each other in a separate common horizontal plane.-- after "out of the holder 1."

Page 8, line 5, inserted --round piece of -- after "The " and -- by frictional engagement with an inner surface of the holder **1** and an end of the piece of cork **7** being flush with the corked end **3** of the holder. The other end of the piece of cork **7** located between parallel sides of each window **5** of the plurality of windows near the corked end **3**.-- after "secure".

Claims:

Canceled claims 12, 14, 16-18, and 20-22.

Claim 13. The method claimed in claim ~~42~~ 24 further comprising the step of:
placing a removable cap on at least one of said upper first and lower second ends of the holder.

Claim 15, line 1, replaced "14" with --23--.

Claim 19. The fishing leader holder of claim ~~44~~ 23 wherein:
at least one of said ~~at least two~~ upper first and lower second ends of said holder has a removable cap.

Claim 23. (New) A fishing leader holder comprising:
a hollow, cylindrically-shaped holder having an upper first end and a lower second end which define a longitudinal axis therebetween;
a plurality of rectangular slots formed on a circumference of the holder which extend from the upper first end toward the lower second end such that the slots are parallel to the longitudinal axis of the holder, each of the slots having a first open end defined at the first end of the holder and terminating at a second end;

a plurality of round holes formed around the circumference of the holder below the second ends of the slots and which extend through the holder, the holes being aligned with each other within a first common horizontal plane;

a first plurality of trapezoid-shaped windows formed around the circumference of the holder below the holes and which extend through the holder, the windows being aligned with each other within a second common horizontal plane;

a second plurality of trapezoid-shaped windows formed around the circumference of the holder between the first set of windows and the lower second end and which extend through the holder, the windows being aligned with each other within a third common horizontal plane; and

a round piece of cork which is located inside the holder and having first and second ends, the first end of the piece of cork positioned flush with the lower second end and the piece of cork extending from the lower second end upwardly toward the upper first end to the second end of the piece of cork which is located at a position between parallel sides of each window of the second plurality of windows, and the piece of cork being frictionally retained by an inner surface of the holder.

Claim 24. A method of using a fishing leader holder comprising:

providing a hollow, cylindrically-shaped holder having an upper first end and a lower second end which define a longitudinal axis therebetween, the holder further comprising:

a plurality of rectangular slots formed on a circumference of the holder which extend from the upper first end toward the lower second end such that the slots are parallel to the longitudinal axis of the holder, each of the slots having a first open end defined at the first end of the holder and terminating at a second end;

a plurality of round holes formed around the circumference of the holder below the second ends of the slots and which extend through the holder, the holes being aligned with each other within a first common horizontal plane;

a first plurality of trapezoid-shaped windows formed around the circumference of the holder below the holes and which extend through the holder, the windows being aligned with each other within a second common horizontal plane;

a second plurality of trapezoid-shaped windows formed around the circumference of the holder between the first set of windows and the lower second end and which extend through the holder, the windows being aligned with each other within a third common horizontal plane; and

a round piece of cork which is located inside the holder and having first and second ends, the first end of the piece of cork positioned flush with the lower second end and the piece of cork extending from the lower second end upwardly toward the upper first end to the second end of the piece of cork which is located at a position between parallel sides of each window of the second plurality of windows, and the piece of cork being frictionally retained by an inner surface of the holder; and

feeding a leader attached to a hook through one of the first plurality of trapezoid-shaped windows or one of the second plurality of trapezoid-shaped windows such that

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the hook has a portion extending externally of the holder and the leader extends within the holder; and

securing the hook onto the holder by either placing the hook into one of the plurality of rectangular slots or inserting a point of the hook into the piece of cork.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In regard to claims 23 and 24, the prior art of record does not disclose the fishing leader holder comprising a plurality of round holes formed around the circumference of the holder below the second ends of the slots and which extend through the holder, the holes being aligned with each other within a first common horizontal plane; a first plurality of trapezoid-shaped windows formed around the circumference of the holder below the holes and which extend through the holder, the windows being aligned with each other within a second common horizontal plane; a second plurality of trapezoid-shaped windows formed around the circumference of the holder between the first set of windows and the lower second end and which extend through the holder, the windows being aligned with each other within a third common horizontal plane; and the first end of the piece of cork positioned flush with the lower second end and the piece of cork extending from the lower second end upwardly toward the upper first end to the second end of the piece of cork which is located at a position between parallel sides of each window of the second plurality of windows.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Darren W. Ark whose telephone number is (703) 305-3733 or (571) 272-6885. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th, 8:00am-6:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter M. Poon can be reached on (703) 308-2574. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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